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SUBJECT: CODELS KOCH AND SOLARZ

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1. CONGRESSMEN KOCH AND SOLARZ, BOTH DEMOCRATS FROM NEW

YORK, ARE PLANNING A JOINT TRIP TO THE FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA, LEAVING US ABOUT NOVEMBER 18 TO OBSERVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS AND US-SUPPORTED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

2. KOCH SERVES ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND SOLARZ ON THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. BOTH STRESS THAT THIS IS A STRICTLY BUSINESS TRIP TO PREPARE FOR LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES NEXT CONGRESSIONAL SESSION. THEY DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS TIRELESS TRAVELERS AND DESIRE FULL, NO-NONSENSE SCHEDULES. DAYS SHOULD BEGIN EARLY, END LATE AND OPPORTUNITIES TAKEN TO MAKE USE OF MEALS, ETC FOR WORKING PURPOSES. NO PROVISIONS DESIRED FOR PURELY SOCIAL AFFAIRS OR LEISURE TIME.

3. KOCH WILL BE MAKING FIRST TRIP TO FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA AND HAS INTEREST IN GENERAL AREA ORIENTATION. HE STRESSES IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO LEARNING FROM INTERACTION WITH PEOPLE AND NOT ANXIOUS SPEND MORE THAN NECESSARY MINIMUM TIME IN FORMAL BRIEFINGS OR PROTOCOL CALLS ON HOST-COUNTRY OFFICIALS. KOCH WOULD ALSO PREFER ANY DINNERS OR LUNCHESES BE SMALL AND INFORMAL. IN ADDITION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS KOCH IS STRONGLY IDENTIFIED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AND SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS ARRANGEMENTS AT EACH POST FOR MEETINGS WITH LEADER OF MAIN OPPOSITION PARTY, LEADING COMMUNIST IF AVAILABLE, AND ANY RELIGIOUS OR ACADEMIC LEADERS WHO CAN ASSIST HIM IN GAINING FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF FULL RANGE OF VIEWS ON NATIONAL POLICIES AND DIRECTION. KOCH IS ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING POLITICAL PRISONERS IN KOREA, PHILIPPINES, BANGLADESH AND INDIA. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS, COMMUNISTS OR POLITICAL PRISONERS, KOCH WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SPECIFIC EFFORTS WERE MADE BY EMBASSY TO ARRANGE SUCH VISITS AND WHY AND BY WHOM REQUESTS WERE TURNED DOWN.

4. SOLARZ SEES TRIP AS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND ISSUES. HE STRESSES HIS INTEREST IN BROAD DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY, NOT IN OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF USAID OR IFI PROJECTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROJECT VISITS SHOULD BE ILLUSTRATIVE OF SOME MORE GENERAL POLICY THRUST, AND HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING BUILDINGS OR OTHER PHYSICAL FACILITIES FOR THEIR OWN SAKE. IDEAL SCHEDULE FROM HIS STANDPOINT WOULD BE FIRST DAY WITH EMBASSY BRIEFING, FOLLOWED BY FULL ROUND OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, VOLUNTARY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, UNDP AND IBRD RESIDENT STAFF AND OTHER DONOR SPOKESMEN WITH PURPOSE GETTING BROAD PICTURE

DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES, PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS. BALANCE OF TIME WOULD BE DEVOTED TO VISITING PROJECTS SELECTED FOR INSTRUCTIONAL VALUE AND OPPORTUNITY SEE SOMETHING OF COUNTRY OUTSIDE CAPITAL CITY. PROJECTS COULD BE US, IFI, UN OR VOLAG, WITH SOURCE OF PROJECT FINANCING LESS IMPORTANT FROM CODELS' STANDPOINT THAN WHAT CAN BE LEARNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, WHETHER FROM SUCCESS OR FAILURE, AND OPPORTUNITY MIX WITH PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS. IN TERMS OF FUNCTIONAL EMPHASIS, POPULATION, FOOD AND NUTRITION MOST IMPORTANT WITH EDUCATION A SECOND PRIORITY.

5. WHILE SOLARZ AND KOCH HOPE TO BE SCHEDULED TOGETHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THEIR SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT OBJECTIVES IT MAY BE DESIRABLE HAVE SEPARATE SCHEDULES FOR PART OF VISIT. KOCH REQUESTS ANY LOCAL TRAVEL BE BY CAR OR SCHEDULED AIRLINE ONLY.

6. FOLLOWING ARE TENTATIVE DATES OF VISIT:

SCHEDULE FOR BOTH:

EVENING, THURSDAY, NOV 18 LV NEW YORK
EARLY MORNING, SATURDAY, NOV 20 ARR TOKYO

SCHEDULE FOR SOLARZ:

MORNING, SUNDAY, NOV 21 LV TOKYO
MORNING, SUNDAY, NOV 21 ARR TAIPEI
MORNING, TUESDAY, NOV 23 LV TAIPEI
EARLY AFTERNOON, TUESDAY, NOV 23 ARR MANILA

SCHEDULE FOR KOCH:

EVENING, SUNDAY, NOV 21 LV TOKYO
EVENING, SUNDAY NOV 21 ARR SEOUL
MORNING, WEDNESDAY, NOV 24 LV SEOUL
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NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOV 24 ARR MANILA

SCHEDULE FOR BOTH:

EVENING, FRIDAY, NOV 26 LV MANILA
EVENING, FRIDAY, NOV 26 ARR HONG KONG
MORNING, SATURDAY, NOV 27 LV HONG KONG
NOON, SATURDAY, NOV 27 ARR BANGKOK
SATURDAY, NOV 27 1700 LV BANGKOK
SATURDAY, NOV 27 1815 ARR DACCA
MORNING, WEDNESDAY, DEC 1 LV DACCA
WEDNESDAY DEC 1 0810 ARR CALCUTTA
LATE AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY DEC 1 LV CALCUTTA
EARLY EVENING WEDNESDAY DEC 1 ARR NEW DELHI
MORNING SUNDAY DEC 5 LV NEW DELHI FOR NEW YORK

7. SPECIAL REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL POSTS:

A. FOR TOKYO: KOCH AND SOLARZ INTERESTED IN BRIEFINGS AND/OR APPOINTMENTS RE GOJ VIEWS ON STRATEGIC SITUATION IN PACIFIC, PARTICULARLY TAIWAN AND KOREA, AND ON JAPANESE ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS IN ASIA. KOCH WOULD ALSO WELCOME MOTOR TOUR OF TOKYO AND TOUR INTO COUNTRYSIDE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. KOCH WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH COMMUNIST LEADER. SOLARZ WISHES MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF JAPANESE COUNTERPART OF HUDSON INSTITUTE OR RAND CORPORATION.

B. FOR SEOUL: KOCH INTERESTED IN RATIONALE AND DETAILS RE US MILITARY AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA; US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND PAST ROLE IN KOREAN ECONOMIC GROWTH. IN ADDITION GENERAL REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS PARA 3 ABOVE, KOCH SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS EMBASSY SEEK PERMISSION KOCH VISIT YUN PO SUN, KIM DAE JUNG AND LEE TAE YONG, ALL RECENTLY SENTENCED PRISON FOR CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT.

C. FOR TAIPEI: SOLARZ INTERESTED IN GETTING EXPOSURE CURRENT GRC ATTITUDES RE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN AREA,

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PRESIDENT OR FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT, HOWEVER, IS LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT ACHIEVEMENTS OF GRC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WHAT STRATEGY AND STYLE EMPLOYED, WHAT FACTORS CONSIDERED BASIC TO SUCCESS.

D. FOR MANILA: REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND PRESIDENT ADB. SOLARZ WISHES BE INCLUDED IN APPOINTMENTS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS, CHURCHMEN. KOCH WOULD LIKE TO VISIT POLITICAL PRISONERS, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SPECIFIED WHICH, AND PERHAPS JAILED COMMUNIST LEADERS.

E. FOR BANGKOK: BANGKOK IN SCHEDULE AS TRANSIT STOPOVER ONLY, BUT WOULD WELCOME SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS (EG BRIEFING) IN LINE WITH INTERESTS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

F. FOR DACCA: REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH IBRD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE.

G. FOR CALCUTTA: VISIT IS FOR PURPOSE ORIENTATION IN URBAN PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS.

H. FOR NEW DELHI: REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH PRIME MINISTER, IBRD RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND FORD FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE. KOCH IS INTERESTED IN POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAMS AND WOULD LIKE EXPOSURE TO CROSS-SECTION OF VIEWS, INCLUDING OPPONENTS OF STERILIZATION CAMPAIGN. KOCH IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SEEING OPPOSITION LEADERS WHILE IN INDIA AND HAS ALREADY MADE CLEAR BY TELEGRAM (SEPTTEL) TO INDIAN GOVERNMENT HIS INTEREST IN GENERAL QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND GEORGE FERNANDEZ AND SAKKAR. KOCH DOES NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO PRESS HIS INTEREST IN SEEING POLITICAL PRISONERS TO THE POINT THAT IT MIGHT ENDANGER HIS VISIT TO INDIA. SOLARZ ISHES BE INCLUDED IN ANY MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS.

8. REQUEST ADDRESSEE POSTS NAME CONTROL OFFICER, PROPOSE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VISIT FOR DISCUSSION WITH KOCH AND SOLARZ, KEEPING IN MIND TENTATIVE NATURE OF DATES, ESPECIALLY IN EARLY PORTION OF VISIT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WELCOME. REQUEST PRELIMINARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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